



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiichiro ITO

Serial No.: 10/665,260

Group Art Unit: 3677

Filed: September 22, 2003

Examiner: Jackson, Andre L.

For: STRING TYPE AIR DAMPER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.